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For: A METHOD FOR CLEANING A GLASS SUBSTRATE FOR A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, A GLASS SUBSTRATE CLEANED BY SUCH A METHOD AND A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING SUCH A SUBSTRATE

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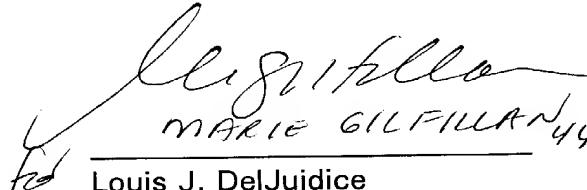
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbol(s))

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USPTO (134/-, electrolyzed water, ionic water, ionized water, anodic water, magnetic, substrate, glass, ozone)

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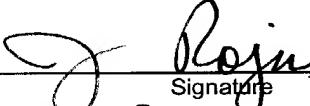
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